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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 19, 2008. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	38	MINUS	38	* =	0	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$0
INDEP.	6	MINUS	6	** =	0	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$0
TOTAL \$0								

* not less than 20

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